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## Stassen Says He'll Stay As Ike's Peace Secretary

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Harold Stassen disclosed yesterday, that President Eisenhower has requested him to remain in the new Administration as "Secretary for Peace," and that he has agreed to do so. The controversial Republican said that he, in turn, is asking all eight of his "task force" chairmen to continue in office. Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, nuclear scientist, already has accepted the invitation. The others are Gen. J. H. (Jimmy) Doolittle, Adm. Oswald S. Doolittle, Gen. Walter Bedell (Beetle) Smith, Dr. Harold R. Moulton, Dr. James B. Fisk, Walker Cislcr and Benjamin Fairless.

This action, which has not yet been officially announced, ends speculation that Stassen, who spearheaded the "dump-Nixon" drive at the Republican Convention, might be dropped by the Administration.

Stassen earned the enmity of powerful Republican leaders, particularly the more conservative wing, by his pre-Convention efforts to supplant Vice President Richard M. Nixon with retiring Massachusetts Gov. Christian Herter.

Friends quote Stassen as

having said privately that his political action, far from hurting him in the operation of his office, has actually helped.

"It used to take me a long time to get executive decisions," he reportedly grinned, "but now I get them in a hurry."

Stassen, who holds unofficial Cabinet rank, goes Thursday to the United Nations for a brief session with the Disarmament Commission. It is expected, however, that extensive negotiations will not begin until early in February on all phases of disarmament, including the missiles field.

A renewed effort will be made to reach agreement with Russia, Britain, France and Canada on a workable disarmament plan calling for some sort of international inspection.